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Dear Mr. Naventi:

CONTRACT NO. DE-AC27-01RV14136 – APPROVAL OF APPROACH TO AUTHORIZE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE BALANCE OF FACILITY GLASS FORMER STORAGE FACILITY

Reference: BNI letter from R. F. Naventi to R. J. Schepens, ORP, "Adding the Balance of Facilities Glass Former Storage Facility to the Hanford Tank Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant Authorization Agreement," CCN: 045027, dated November 12, 2002.

This letter approves the Bechtel National, Inc. (BNI) proposal (Reference) to complete a Contractor-approved Authorization Basis Change Notice (ABCN) to address construction of the glass former storage facility using the applicable criteria of RL/REG-97-13, *Office of River Protection Position on Contractor-Initiated Changes to the Authorization Basis*, Rev. 9. In discussions between U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP) and BNI Environmental, Safety, and Health staff, BNI personnel stated that modification of the Construction Authorization Agreement in January 2003, concurrent with full construction authorization of the Pretreatment facility, would support the BNI schedule for glass former storage facility construction. After BNI completes the ABCN, the ORP, correspondingly, will modify the Construction Authorization Agreement.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may call Lewis F. Miller, Jr., WTP Safety Regulation Division, (509) 376-6817.

Sincerely,

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